

June 2, 2015

The Honorable Bill Monning  
State Capitol, Room 4066  
Sacramento CA 95814

RE: Senate Bill 657 (Monning): Independent Peer Review Panel -- **SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Monning:

On behalf of the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to express our support of SB 657 which would extend the term of the Independent Peer Review Panel (IPRP) to continue their work until 2025. The IPRP was created by the California Public Utilities Commission to review and comment upon technical studies of the earthquake seismic risk to the Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP), located in San Luis Obispo County.

The IPRP has provided important oversight on the technical studies that are fundamental to assessing safe operation of DCPP. The IPRP has held numerous meetings and generated nine reports. While they have done an extensive review of seismic studies of regional geology and site conditions at DCPP, they have not yet completed review of the seismic hazard report recently submitted to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission by the plant's owner Pacific Gas and Electric Co.

Safe operation of DCPP is of crucial importance to the health, safety and wellbeing of the citizens of San Luis Obispo County and keeping the IPRP in place provides the oversight to do that. We believe the IPRP has done substantial work so far and their participation in the process is valuable. Senate Bill 657 provides the certainty that the unanswered questions will continue to be answered.

Sincerely,

DEBBIE ARNOLD  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

c- Assembly Member Katcho Achadjian  
San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors